LAW SECRETARIAT

Records Administration Report of the Labour Department for the year ended the 31st March 1951, with certain observations.

READ—

Administration Report of the Department of Labour for the year ended with the 31st March 1951 received with letter No. T2/66. C. 104/52-53, dated the 21st April 1952, from the Commissioner of Labour in Mysore, Bangalore.

ORDER No. L.S. 1740-42—L.W. 142-52-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE 11TH JULY 1952.

Recorded.

There has been inordinate delay in the submission of the Administration Report, in spite of remarks to this effect in the previous Administration Report. The Labour Commissioner is requested to see that in future at least these reports are submitted to Government in time.

Tours.—The Commissioner of Labour has toured only 73 days as against 91 days during the year 1949-50 and 108 days during the years 1948-49 and the touring done is inadequate. While there is some improvement in touring by the Assistant Commissioners of Labour of Bangalore, Chikmagalur and Shimoga, the touring done by the Assistant Commissioner of Labour, Mysore and Kolar Gold Fields does not seem to be satisfactory. As previously pointed out, the Commissioner of Labour should regulate the tours of all these officers on a systematic basis and see that there is neither too much of touring nor too little of it.

Industrial Labour.—There were 216 industrial undertakings (including Plantation Estates) coming under the purview of the Mysore Labour Act as against 129 industrial undertakings during the year 1949-50 and as against 115 during the years 1948-49. The total number of operatives employed in these industrial undertakings is stated to be 80,883 as against 94,127 in the year previous. While there is a steady expansion of industrial undertakings, a marked decrease in the number of operatives is reported. This is perhaps due to retrenchment and strict measures of economy adopted by the Industrial Concerns.

Security of Service.—Security of Service was ensured to all workers employed in industrial undertakings coming under the purview of the Mysore Labour Act. As regards Plantation Labour no security of service exists, as there is no permanency of employment, and the workers are played off during certain seasons. It is however, gratifying to note that some of the Estates have introduced Provident Fund Schemes for the benefit of their labourers.

Labour Conditions.—General labour conditions in the State during the year was on the whole normal and peaceful. The number of strikes decreased markedly from 26 in the previous year to six in the year under report. This is perhaps due to the timely intervention of the department and prompt reference of the disputes to the Industrial Tribunal for adjudication.

Elections to Labour Associations.—Annual elections to Labour Associations were completed during the year in respect of 15 Associations as against 40 Associations in the previous year. The inactivity of the department in this behalf is stated to be due to the want of clarification of law due to the introduction of Central Acts under Part B States (Laws) Act, 1951.

Standing Orders.—It is gratifying to note that only two standing orders were pending settlement at the close of the year as against 11 (eleven) in the previous year.

Notices of Change.—Out of 43 notices of change pending before the conciliator, agreement was brought about by him in 10 cases, and 4 cases were referred to Arbitration. The pendency at the close of the year was heavy.

Labour Welfare.—The two recreational centres started by the Department at Bangalore—one at Cottonpet and the other at Chamarajpet—continued to work satisfactorily. During the year Labour Welfare received due attention at the hands of the Department.

The working of the Department during the year was on the whole satisfactory.

N. R. JAYA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

Orders the insertion of a new paragraph in regard to the term of Standing Committees.

READ—

Government Order No. L.D. 2939-3028—L.A. 87-50-1, dated 5th January 1951, prescribing the rules for the constitution and functions of the Standing Committees for the various Departments of Government.

ORDER NO. L.D. 472-525—L.A. 87-50-6, DATED BANGALORE, THE 14TH JUNE 1952.

After paragraph 7 of the Government Order read above, the following paragraph shall be inserted and shall always be deemed to have been inserted :—

"7-A. The term of the Standing Committees shall expire on the date on which the Provisional Legislative Assembly functioning under Article 385 of the Constitution of India ceases to function."

N. R. JAYA RAO,
Legal Remembrancer and
Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Sanctions the Continuance of the scheme for granting Subsidy for Construction of Irrigation Wells during the year 1952-53 and directs that the outright subsidy payable shall be Rs. 250 per well.

READ—

Government Order No. R. 6349-62—R.M. 37-45-152, dated 12th March 1946, sanctioning the scheme for the grant of subsidy for sinking wells in connection with Distress Relief.

2. Government Order No. R. 148-61—R.M. 96-45-2, dated 4th July 1946, directing that the time limit for granting the benefit of the above scheme be extended to wells completed before the end of September 1946.

3. Government Order No. R. 5228-41—R.M. 96-45-5, dated 26th November 1946, directing that the period for payment of subsidy on completion of wells be extended till the end of the official year 1946-47.

4. Government Order No. R. 4733-46—R.M. 20-47-2, dated 9th October 1947, sanctioning the continuance of scheme for a further period of three years from 1946-47.

5. Government Order No. R. 4130-44—R.M. 61-48-2, dated 15th October 1948, sanctioning the enhancement of the maximum limit of subsidy from Rs. 500 to Rs. 1,000 per well.

6. Government Order No. R. 9586-90—R.M. 88-48-3, dated 3rd May 1949, directing that only food crops should be raised from the irrigation well for which subsidy is sanctioned at least for a period of five years.

7. Government Order No. R. 9572-85—R.M. 85-49-4, dated 25th March 1950, directing that the outright grant payable per well shall be limited to half the cost of the well not exceeding Rs. 500, subject to certain conditions.

8. Government Order No. R. 8791-804—R.M. 57-51-2, dated 19th November 1951, empowering the Deputy Commissioners of Districts to extend the time limit allowed for the completion of the wells for a period of one year from the date of sanction.